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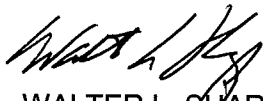
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Forces Korea (USFK) Command Policy Letter #25, International Marriages

1. This letter supersedes USFK Command Policy Letter #25, 1 May 2007. It remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.
2. Reference. USFK Regulation 600-240, International Marriages in Korea, 2 March 2007.
3. Positive engagement of the chain of command, counseling professionals, and medical authorities will ensure a deliberate, informed, and legally sufficient international marriage decision process by the Service member. USFK Regulation 600-240 requires this engagement, and compliance with it will ensure we achieve an end-state where all future non-U.S. citizen spouses can obtain a visa and accompany their sponsor when he or she departs Korea.
4. USFK Regulation 600-240 applies to all U.S. military personnel assigned in the Republic of Korea who are considering marrying a non-U.S. citizen. It does not apply to marriages between U.S. citizens or to marriages of U.S. military personnel to permanent residents of the United States (green card holders).
5. Regulation of international marriage in USFK is needed and necessary. Compliance with USFK Regulation 600-240 is required and will ensure any Service member contemplating international marriage meets all his/her responsibilities to the military and the future spouse. It requires and empowers the chain of command to execute proper and necessary oversight responsibilities with the Service member in the international marriage decision process. Successful and precise implementation of this regulation will make a positive difference in a range of complex issues facing the command, and strengthen our long-standing Alliance with the Republic of Korea.
6. The procedures and documentation process prescribed in USFK Regulation 600-240 are mandatory and subject to compliance inspection, even for Service components already following similarly prescribed procedures.
7. POC for this policy letter is J1 Personnel Policy and Programs Branch, DSN 723-4718, usfkj1mod@korea.army.mil.


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